

Advertising Rates.

DISPLAY—One inch, 25 cts. for each insertion; 2 to 3 inches, 22 1/2 cts. for each insertion; 4 to 5 inches, 20 cts. for each insertion; 6 to 7 inches, 17 1/2 cts. for each insertion; 8 to 9 inches, 15 cts. for each insertion; 10 inches, 12 1/2 cts. for each insertion.

On yearly contracts for as much as 10 inches or more, the rate is 10 cts. an inch for each insertion.

Liberal Reductions for smaller "ads" on yearly contract.

Locals, 5 cts. a line for each insertion in body type and 10 cts. a line for black face. The COURIER guarantees the largest circulation of any paper published in Chariton county.

THE much mooted question of whether boodles is an issue in the present gubernatorial campaign in Missouri has at last been settled. The Signal says that boodles is an issue. And that settles it.

OUR esteemed contemporary, the Signal, objects to holding its nose until corruption is stamped out in this state by Jas. A. Reed, the COURIER's choice for governor. Perhaps the Signal would prefer shutting off its olfactory until Jos. W. Folk lands some boodler in the penitentiary. If it thinks it can survive by pursuing the latter course we would like to see it try the experiment, and we will give it a guarantee that its friends will have an opportunity to attend its funeral.

THE Signal is not averse to being compared to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, the foulest slanderer that ever disgraced Missouri, but says it will kick when collated with the COURIER and St. Louis World. The COURIER had the courage to make an early choice in the gubernatorial campaign, while the Signal waited until it thought Jos. W. Folk would be nominated before it showed its colors. The COURIER is admired for its fearlessness while the Signal is detested for its toadyism. So far as the COURIER is concerned, comparison with the Signal is odious in the extreme.

THERE always was, always will be and always ought to be a contest between virtue and vice, honesty and dishonesty, fact and falsehood. Therefore, boodles is no more an issue in this state than is any other crime. All crime is contrary to good government and good citizenship and all criminals should be punished. Missouri has no more right to be sneered at as a "boodles" state than she has to be derided for any other class of crime committed within her borders. Mr. Webster defines issue as "a point in debate on which the parties take affirmative and negative positions; a presentation of alternatives between which to choose or decide." No man who is honest will uphold boodling, and no man who boodles can maintain his right to be a boodler. There is no chance for a debate or controversy in regard to boodling or any other high-handed crime. Without an opportunity for a dispute as to the right or wrong of anything how can it be an issue?

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Stock Notice.

I have for sale at my farm, 1 1/2 miles north of Dalton, one Shorthorn bull, "Duke of Dalton," 214507, 2 years old August 21, 1904; also one high grade bull, 1 year old, and several choice English Berkshire boars, now ready for service.

W. P. PRICE

Our genial young friend, O. J. Cunningham, returned home Wednesday night from Chicago, and is now a full-fledged M. D., having graduated from Rush Medical college. The doctor is undecided where he will locate, but he is a bright young man, and the COURIER confidently predicts that he will attain a lofty pinnacle of fame in the practice of his profession.

Probate Pointers.

Allowances as follows: Chas. M. Prescott, \$1.07 against estate of P. A. Willis; Agee Bros., \$15.35 against estate of A. Musgrave.

Est. A. R. Young: Lou Young, widow of said A. R. Young, petitions for no administration, and property is ordered turned over to her without administration.

Est. Ella M. Burris: J. G. Gallemore, guardian and curator, presents his final settlement, which is examined and approved. Said settlement showing no balance, said guardian and curator is discharged.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the late John Walker of Sumner is admitted to probate on testimony of L. Sharp and C. A. Serfass as subscribing witnesses. The decedent's property is left in equal parts to his wife and son, John W. Walker.

Est. Burke Burris: J. G. Gallemore, former guardian and curator, presents his final settlement, which the court doth approve, and said settlement, showing a balance of \$430.60 due ward, it is ordered that said Gallemore turn said sum over to O. P. Ray, and said Ray, acknowledging receipt of said balance in open court, the said J. G. Gallemore is discharged.

Est. Burke Burris: Jas. G. Gallemore, guardian and curator of said Burke Burris, a minor heir of Hettie Burris, deceased, having become a non-resident of this state, it is ordered that O. P. Ray, public administrator and ex-officio public guardian, be and is appointed guardian of said minor, and that said Ray take charge of said minor's estate in his official capacity.

Est. John W. Mason: On application of Lucretia J. Mason, widow of said John W. Mason, it is ordered that she be and is appointed administratrix of said John W. Mason's estate. Bond in the sum of \$2,000 approved with C. C. Mason, Viola Scott, Belle Schmitt and Zada Todd as securities. Albert Jones and Julius Snitzler appointed as witnesses to make inventory.

Est. Benjamin G. Pollard: It being made to appear to the court that Nancy Pollard was duly appointed administratrix of the estate of said Benjamin G. Pollard, and that she has since departed this life without having fully administered said estate, it is ordered that Geo. L. Pollard be and is appointed administrator de bonis non of said Benjamin G. Pollard's estate. Bond in the sum of \$500 approved with Albert Morgan and Hiram Piper as securities.

Est. heirs Jas. K. Mathews: Comes now Eliza and Lenora Mathews, who are each over the age of 14 years, and minor heirs of Jas. K. Mathews, deceased, and in due form require the court to appoint O. P. Ray, public administrator and ex-officio public guardian, guardian of their estate. Whereupon it is ordered that said O. P. Ray be so appointed, and that he take charge of the estates of said minors in his official capacity.

Est. heirs Valentine Heisel: On application of Catherine Heisel, mother of Pauline, Jos. S., August A. and Valentine Heisel, minor heirs of said Valentine Heisel, deceased, the said Pauline, Jos. S. and August A. Heisel, being over the age of 14 years and making choice of their mother in writing, it is ordered that she be and is appointed guardian and curator of said minors. Bond in the sum of \$1,200 approved with John and Mathew Reichert as securities.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Regular May, 1904, Term.

Court met Monday, May 2, 1904, with the following officers present:

Hon. John P. Butler, judge; L. N. Dempsey, prosecuting attorney; F. M. Veatch, sheriff; Miss Grace Morris, reporter, and Z. T. Lamkin, clerk.

Court was opened in due form by public proclamation by F. M. Veatch, sheriff. Mr. Veatch and S. J. Shaughnessy and P. R. O'Bryan, his regularly appointed deputies, were duly sworn to summon jurors and execute other process returnable at this term of court.

Cases had been disposed of as follows up till yesterday at noon:

CIVIL CASES.

Jacob A. Merchant vs. Nathan O. Tate, unlawful detainer; dismissed.

Aaron Shoop vs. Wm. Shoop et al, partition; erroneously on docket.

Hiram H. Jenkins et al vs. J. W. Nichols et al, receivership; judgment on interplea in favor of defendants and against Edna and Lois Kennedy.

W. R. Swinney vs. Bartley Ott, garnishment, F. M. Veatch, garnishee; compromised, costs paid and case dismissed.

Mary E. Miller et al vs. J. T. Miller et al, partition; sheriff's report of final distribution approved, and cause ordered to pass from docket.

Virtie Westlake et al vs. E. R. Dempsey et al, ejectment; nonsuit as to Mary Luttrell and Missouri and G. B. Cooper; trial by court, and finding and judgment for defendants.

Same vs. Tony Kiiting, same; same.

Burris & Hooper vs. John B. Bragg, debt; costs paid by plaintiffs and cause dismissed by clerk in vacation.

In the matter of J. S. Fields, guardian of Amanda Anderson, nee Ray, suit for accounting—appeal from probate court; dismissed as per stipulation filed.

Henry Clay et al vs. Nathan O. Tate et al, ejectment; dismissed by agreement as to J. C. Wallace, receiver; judgment by agreement for plaintiffs against other defendants for possession of the premises sued for and for one cent damages with perpetual stay of execution; all costs adjudged against the plaintiffs.

Lois Kennedy vs. Lucinda Noble, ejectment; by agreement of parties, plaintiff has leave to file an amended petition making Edna Kennedy a party plaintiff; amendment made, and cause continued at plaintiff's costs.

Isaac P. Ryland, trustee in bankruptcy, vs. Edna Kennedy et al, suit for accounting; plaintiff granted leave to file an amended petition in 60 days and defendants are given 30 days, after copy of petition is served, in which to answer, and cause continued.

Etta F. Green vs. Geo. W. Fox, suit on judgment; judgment for plaintiff for \$1,225 with interest at six per cent.

Kate M. Moore et al vs. Otis Moore, suit for order to sell real estate; dismissed for want of prosecution.

Rebecca S. F. Thomas vs. Ely F. Hedrick, suit for dower; continued by agreement at defendant's cost.

Same vs. H. H. Hains, same; same.

Same vs. Wm. D. Fuller, same; same.

Geo. Boone vs. Bessie Boone, divorce; trial by court, and plaintiff divorced upon payment of costs.

Katherine M. Gribble vs. Margaret E. Pope et al, specific performance; dismissed by agreement as per written stipulation filed.

M. F. Andrews vs. Chas. A. Wheelbarger et al, suit to quiet title; trial by court, title decreed, quieted and vested according to

prayer of petition; plaintiff to pay costs.

Will Hopkins vs. Elizabeth Hopkins, divorce; nonsuit.

J. M. Peery vs. Pence Bros., damages; alias summons for defendants, and cause continued.

Peter Vitt vs. Wabash Railway Co., damages; change of venue granted to the circuit court of Randolph county at Huntsville.

John West vs. Wabash Railway Co., damages; judgment by agreement for plaintiff for \$50.

City of Brunswick vs. R. J. Williams et al, disturbing the peace—appeal; dismissed as per written stipulation filed, and costs adjudged against plaintiff.

Tuesday, May 3, shortly before noon, F. M. Veatch, sheriff made return of the special venire, heretofore ordered and issued, and made returnable on said day, commanding and requiring him to summon from the body of the county 12 competent men to serve as grand jurors as follows: J. O. Snyder, Oscar Wood, S. F. Sublett,

H. F. Harr, W. H. Poland, Sr., D. M. Brown, Jos. A. Riley, Thos. Gribble, Geo. T. Egan, Covey Heryford, W. B. Duff and P. C. Shoemaker, who were organized by the appointment of Covey Heryford as foreman, and after being duly charged by the court as to their duties they were shown to their room to consider of their presentments.

Frank Way Foundry Co. vs. J. D. Dickinson, suit on note; nonsuit, with leave to withdraw note sued on by leaving copy.

Willie Yard et al vs. John Heisel et al, partition; C. E. Finch appointed guardian ad litem for Ed, Lena, Joseph, Gussie and Valentine Heisel, with leave to file answer; plaintiff has leave to file amended petition; amended petition filed; trial by court, and judgment of partition as prayed; land ordered sold on terms of one-third cash, one-third in one year and one-third in two years, deferred payments to bear six per cent interest, with the privilege of paying all cash, if desired, and cause continued.

CRIMINAL CASES.

State of Missouri vs. Frank Jared, false affidavit; prosecuting attorney declines to file information, and cause is dismissed at defendant's cost. Jared is the Keytesville young man who married Miss Julia Drew, a daughter of Hamp Drew of two miles east of Keytesville, some two weeks ago, and who was charged by his father-in-law with having made a false affidavit to the young lady's age in order to procure a marriage license.

Same vs. Robt. Fletcher, felonious assault; defendant waives formal arrangement, and by consent of prosecuting attorney pleads guilty to common assault and is fined \$10 and costs. Fletcher is the man who struck Thos. E. Austin with a hammer,

and who also took a shot at Austin in Mendon the 5th of last month after Austin had first cut him (Fletcher) across the head with a knife and had also cut his clothing in several places. As Austin was the aggressor in the trouble it is quite probable that Fletcher would have been acquitted had he stood trial.

Roll of Honor.

We acknowledge our obligations to the following friends for having become new subscribers or for renewing their subscription to the COURIER during the past week. May heaven bless 'em:

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

D. F. Fawks, I. C. Couch, Chas. Littrell, H. E. Elliott, O. T. Scott, C. W. Bowen, Mrs. Geo. W. Hicks.

RENEWALS.

Wm. Clark, Mrs. Florence Smutz, W. H. May, W. A. Shackelford, W. N. Wylie, J. P. Prather, C. D. Wale, L. D. Applegate, J. B. Rutledge, Virgil Keene, M. H. Callahan, D. J. Cravens, R. A. Patterson, Mrs. Nora Carter, A. M. Halley, Thos. Forgham, J. H. Rount, Robt. Ferril, John Carroll.

Postmaster W. C. Gaston held an examination at Keytesville Saturday last for carriers on the new rural free mail routes—one out of Mendon and the other out of Brunswick—which are to be started Monday, May 16. The Mendon aspirants for carrier were: Jas. M. Bartlett, John F. Westrup, Jas. M. Long, A. G. Shupe, Alvin Ray and Cooper Lawrence, while Geo. H. Pryor was the only applicant from Brunswick. Wm. B. Duff and Wm. C. Wright, Jr., of Salisbury also took the examination to be prepared to fill any vacancy that may occur in either of the five routes out of Salisbury. The papers were all sent to the post-office department at Washington where they will be passed upon within the next few days.

Great Reduction Sale!

Every Department is Complete

Owing to the condition of the weather I find I have entirely too many goods bought for spring and I must have my stock reduced at once. I will give some extraordinary bargains in everything in stock. Dress goods—all the latest things, consisting of

Wool Dress Goods
White Waistings
Suitsings
Hats and Caps
Lace Curtains
Window Shades

Wash Goods
Underwear
Hosiery
Trunks
Mattings, Rugs
Ladies' and Men's Shoes

Other things too numerous to mention. Market price for eggs.

J. W. Wayland,
Keytesville, Mo.

Phone 138

Beat the Earth.

When it comes to agricultural implements, wagons, buggies, surreys, etc., I defy competition and beat the earth in prices and quality.

I sell more goods in my line than any other dealer in North Missouri, and am adding new customers all the time because I have always given entire satisfaction to my patrons.

Some one has truly said: "The best advertisement is a well-pleased customer." That's the kind of customers I have.

Yours for Business,

H. C. Atterbury,
Mendon, Mo.